

Sho Tay
Mayor

November 17, 2021

Los Angeles County Redistricting Commission County of Los Angeles PO Box 56447 Sherman Oaks, CA 91413

Dear Los Angeles County Redistricting Commission,

At the November 16, 2021, Arcadia City Council Meeting, the City of Arcadia adopted Resolution No. 7395 submitting public comment on behalf of the City requesting that the Los Angeles County Redistricting Commission (CRC) adopt County supervisor electoral district maps that are consistent with the current representation for San Gabriel Valley cities. A copy of the Resolution is attached for your reference.

The City of Arcadia believes that the interests of the San Gabriel Valley are best represented as they currently are with two districts sharing nearly equal representation of San Gabriel Valley cities and communities. Further, the City believes that Foothill cities (Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Bradbury, Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, and Claremont) should be consolidated into a single district as a community of interest, and that the cities of San Marino and Arcadia are included together in any district map proposal. Finally, the City believes that any adopted map should also ensure that individual San Gabriel Valley cities are not split between two districts.

On behalf of the City of Arcadia, we would like to thank the CRC for their work on this important process and for the opportunity for our voice to be heard.

Sincerely,

Sho Tay Mayor

Attachment: Resolution No. 7395

Cc: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, District 5, <u>Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov</u> Supervisor Hilda Solis, District 1, <u>firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov</u> LA County CRC Clerk, Thai V. Le, <u>TLe@crc.lacounty.gov</u>

## **RESOLUTION NO. 7395**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA, SUBMTTING PUBLIC COMMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION TO ADOPT ELECTORAL DISTRICTS CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT REPRESENTATION FOR SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CITIES

WHEREAS, every ten years following the completion of the US Census, Los Angeles County Supervisor districts must be redrawn so that each district is substantially equal in population; and

WHEREAS, redistricting is the process that determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a district for purposes of electing a County Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, to the extent practicable, district lines must be adopted using the following criteria: (1) geographically contiguous districts (each Supervisor district should share a common border with the next), (2) the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or communities shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division, (3) geographic integrity of a community shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division, (4) easily identifiable boundaries that follow natural or artificial barriers (rivers, streets, highways, rail lines, etc.), (5) lines shall be drawn to encourage geographic compactness. In addition, boundaries shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party, (6) the population deviation between the largest and smallest district cannot exceed 10% per Federal Voting Rights Act requirements; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law, the County of Los Angeles Redistricting Commission ("CRC") is required to hold a series of public hearings to solicit community input on the redistricting process, including communities of interest and draft map proposals; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2021, the CRC held a special meeting to discuss the proposed district maps that have been submitted and the Commission ultimately recommended that four maps continue to be considered; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arcadia believes that the interests of the San Gabriel Valley are best represented as they currently are with two districts sharing nearly equal representation of SGV cities and communities, that maintains Foothill communities as a community of interest, that keeps the cities of San Marino and Arcadia in the same district, and ensures that individual San Gabriel Valley cities are not split between two districts.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Arcadia recommends that the Los Angeles County Redistricting Commission adopt supervisor electoral district maps that provide for equal representation of the San Gabriel Valley cities across two districts, which are as close as possible to existing boundaries, that maintains Foothill cities together—including keeping the City of San Marino in the same district as the City of Arcadia—and ensures that all individual cities within the San Gabriel Valley not split between two districts.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

Passed, approved and adopted this 16th day of November, 2021.

	/s/ Sho Tay
	Mayor of the City of Arcadia
ATTEST:	
/s/ Gene Glasco City Clerk	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
Is/ Stephen P. Deitsch Stephen P. Deitsch City Attorney	

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ) SS:
CITY OF ARCADIA )

I, GENE GLASCO, City Clerk of the City of Arcadia, hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution No. 7395 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Arcadia, signed by the Mayor and attested to by the City Clerk at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 16th day of November, 2021 and that said Resolution was adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

Beck, Verlato, Cheng, and Tay

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

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Isl Gene Glasco
City Clerk of the City of Arcadia